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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 9, 2014

DATE: August 11, 2014
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Ken Retterath, Director, Department of Social Services
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THROUGH: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant in the amount of \$91,500 [no County match] for additional CHAFEE program funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) retroactive to July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency. Authorize food and travel so that the youth and staff may attend the annual statewide ILP conference, the annual Daniel Memorial Conference and the Ropes Program; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

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County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 25, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$45,561 in additional Federal Chafee funds for FY2014.

On June 11, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$97,000 in additional Federal Chafee funds for FY2013.

On July 24, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$45,000 in additional Federal Chafee funds for FY2013.

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On October 26, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$44,435 in additional federal Chafee funds for FY2011.

On September 28, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$285,000 annually beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 in federal Chafee funds.

On January 12, 2010 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$38,206 in additional federal Chafee funds for FY 2010.

On July 2, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$285,000 annually in federal Chafee funds for FY 2008-2010.

On October 10, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$148,000 in federal Chafee funds for FY 2006-2007.

On June 27, 2006, the Board approved the Department's request to receive a \$78,665 Chafee grant award for FY 2005-2006.

On June 30, 2004, the Board approved the Department's request to receive a \$79,000 Chafee grant award for FY 2004-2005.

On May 20, 2003, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive the initial Chafee grant award.

BACKGROUND

The State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services was awarded federal Chafee funding to support child welfare agencies in transitioning foster children from out of home care into the community. The Federal John H. Chafee foster care act authorizes flexible funding to children who will remain in foster care until age 18. The following events are activities designed to help promote independence and enhance interaction with adult mentors. A day-long Ropes course serves approximately 20 youth and will require lunch to be provided to the youth. The annual Independent Living BBQ is an event which brings youth together from across Washoe County and provides exposure to service providers and potential mentors. Travel to the annual statewide ILP conference in Las Vegas, Nevada and to the annual Daniel Memorial Conference which spans the course of 4 days and meals will need to be provided to youth during the course of their experience at that event. This event promotes self advocacy and teaches youth how to take an active role in planning for their future.

Other areas that these funds will be utilized are to support a life and career coaching program, funding for Washoe County School District (WCSD) to assist with transportation so youth may attend their zoned schools, assist with funding a TMCC academic and financial aid mentor, development of a volunteering program through Reno Rodeo Foundation, assist youth transitioning from their foster homes to apartments or transitional housing through deposit and rental assistance.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Department of Social Services
Independent Living Program.

Scope of the Project: Assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program provides the youth aging out of the foster care system the tools to become contributing citizens of Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$91,500 in additional funds for FY2015.

Grant Period: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Funding Source: Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

Pass through From: State of Nevada
Division of Child and Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.674

Grant ID Number: CH-14-020

Match Amount and Type: Not required.

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- ☐ Indirect costs are fully recoverable
- ☒ Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
- ☐ Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at ____ %
- ☐ Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

Special Terms & Conditions: None.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Washoe County Social Services currently has a contract with The Children's Cabinet through June 30, 2015 to provide case management services to youth ages 15-18 in the amount of \$225,533.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the Department's FY15 adopted budget will be increased annually by \$91,500 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
10138	431100	\$91,500
10138	711210	\$2,500
10138	710714	\$86,500
10138	711213	\$2,500

A budget amendment is required by the Comptroller's Office as identified above. The Federal match for this award is \$18,300, which will be provided by the State of Nevada utilizing FAFFY funds (IO 10119). We do not charge indirect costs to this grant.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to accept a grant in the amount of \$91,500 [no County match] for additional CHAFEE program funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) retroactive to July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to assist youth in making the transition from foster care to economic self-sufficiency. Authorize food and travel so that the youth and staff may attend the annual statewide ILP conference, the annual Daniel Memorial Conference and the Ropes Program; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments."